

Safe Routes to School

BIKE RODEO EVENT INFO

MCDOT bike rodeo events educate elementary school students on general bike safety, best practices, and transportation safety through interactive events – so they learn how to safely ride bikes in their community.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SET-UP / ARRIVAL

MCDOT will come to your location and set everything up for the event – preferably outside in a parking lot or other paved surfaces, but it can be indoors in a gym or similar location. Each Bike Rodeo is typically **90-minutes**. Plan some additional time for set-up and breakdown. MCDOT will supply 10 bikes, an obstacle course, educational materials, and related giveaways. Participants are welcome to bring their own bikes. Our team will introduce students to the MCDOT Bike Rodeo and provide information on the program and the event's purpose.



HELMET CHECK

Participants will receive a demonstration on how to properly fasten and wear their helmets. They **MUST** wear a helmet while riding the bikes, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. MCDOT will provide sanitized helmets and disposable hairnets for the bike rodeo for participants who do not have their own helmet.

ABC CHECK & HAND SIGNALS

Participants will learn how to signal other vehicles when turning left, right, or stopping, and how to do an "ABC Check" (air, brakes, and chain) before riding their bikes.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Participants will learn general safety rules, such as stopping at stop signs, obeying traffic laws, and riding on the correct side of the street.

RODEO COURSE

The children will then ride through the obstacle course where they will have the opportunity to practice what they've learned about bike safety, hand signals, and safely using crosswalks.

MCDOT will provide bike safety tips, at-home activities and giveaways for students who complete the rodeo.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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